

Shakespearean critic + forger!

Maidenhead  
2 Jan 1869

Madam

If a stranger may  
take the liberty of wishing  
you a happy new year, I  
beg leave to do so; and to  
thank you very much for  
the trouble you have taken  
regarding my barrel of apples.

They have been very kindly  
sent <sup>(by)</sup> W Fredrickson of New  
York, & I expect them hourly.  
With many thanks, I remain

Yours very faithfully  
J. Payne Collier

